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Dear Dr. Rowan:

Thank you for the fax copy of your letter of October 21, 2003 regarding your appointment to the National Pollution Prevention and Toxics Advisory Committee (NPPTAC). Your letter raises several concerns and requests that EPA appoint Ms. Sandler and/or Mr. Seidle of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) as members of either the NPPTAC or some other relevant committee.

The NPPTAC was established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2. In seeking nominations for membership, EPA solicited nominations from many sources, including the public (through the Federal Register notice), to establish a large pool of diverse candidates from which to make selections. As a result of the process, a large number of highly qualified individuals were nominated.

EPA selected sixteen individuals to serve as members of NPPTAC. In evaluating the nominations, EPA considered a number of factors including (but not limited to): each person's leadership experience, breadth of knowledge of issues that the Committee would likely address, and experience with environmental or public health policy, issues, or research associated with chemicals, pollution prevention, health, or the environment in communities, States, national or international arenas. EPA also considered points of view represented so that, in accordance with FACA, the Committee would be balanced.

The scope of the NPPTAC is to provide advice, information, and recommendations on the overall policy and operations of programs undertaken by the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT). We selected you to serve in the NPPTAC given your academic background in chemistry and biochemistry, as well as experience and expertise in environmental and public policy, including animal welfare concerns. Your current positions as Chief of Staff of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), Vice President of the Humane Society International, Adjunct Professor and Senior Fellow at Tufts University, as well as the many

awards you have received for contributions to alternatives to animal testing, made you uniquely qualified and your participation in the NPPTAC invaluable.

We are confident that as a NPPTAC member you will represent the viewpoints of the HSUS and other animal welfare organizations. We strongly encourage representatives of PETA and other animal welfare organizations to attend NPPTAC meetings and provide written and oral comments to the Committee. The Committee will consider all comments submitted by the public during its deliberations. Further, the Committee has invited Mr. Seidle to serve in the High Production Volume (HPV) Workgroup.

Your qualifications and experience will be of inestimable use to the Committee during its deliberations. I hope that you will continue to serve on the NPPTAC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles M. Auer".

Charles M. Auer

Director

Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics